

Excerpt from DODI 6055.4

2.2. This Instruction applies to the following:

2.2.1. All military personnel at any time, on or off a DoD installation.

2.2.2. All DoD civilian personnel in a duty status, on or off a DoD installation.

2.2.3. All persons in or on a DoD-owned motor vehicle.

2.2.4. All persons at any time on a DoD installation.

E3.2. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY (HSPG NUMBER 3)

E3.2.1. Operators of Government and privately owned motorcycles (both street and off-road versions) on DoD installations must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways (except where not required by the SOFAs or local laws). A valid U.S. Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card (OF-346) or a Unit Level Logistics System (ULLS) Operator Qualification record fulfills the licensing requirement for operators of tactical motorcycles.

E3.2.2. Where State or local laws applicable to the installation require special licenses to operate privately owned motorcycles, motorized bicycles (Mopeds), motor scooters, or ATVs, such license requirements, as a minimum, shall apply to operation of those vehicles on DoD installations.

E3.2.3. Before operation of any motorcycle, personnel shall successfully complete an approved rider or operator safety course. This training requirement excludes those operating motorcycles with attached sidecars and three-wheel motorcycles.

E3.2.3.1. The safety course must include the following: the appropriate Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) or Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) or MSF-based State-approved curriculum taught by certified or licensed instructors; hands-on training; and a performance-based and knowledge-based evaluation.

E3.2.3.2. Training required by this Instruction shall be provided at no cost to military and DoD civilian personnel. Personnel shall not be charged leave to attend training required by this Instruction.

E3.2.3.3. Additional performance based evaluations may be required for off-road recreational operation of privately owned vehicles or vehicles controlled by morale, recreation, and welfare organizations on DoD installations. Privately owned ATV and off-road motorcycle operators should complete training. Operators are also encouraged to complete refresher training before each riding season or after long periods of inactivity.

E3.2.3.4. Curriculum and proficiency training for tactical motorcycles will be tailored to satisfy specific mission objectives. Operators will have previously completed a safety course as required in the above paragraph E3.2.3.1.

E3.2.4. The DoD Components will develop and approve safety requirements tactical motorcycles integrating operational risk management into tactics, techniques, and procedures training when required by military mission.

E3.2.5. When operated on any DoD installation, in both on- and off-road modes, all Government or privately owned motorcycles, Mopeds, motor scooters, and ATVs

(when equipped) must have headlights turned on at all times, except where prohibited by military mission, the SOFAs, or local laws.

E3.2.6. Motorcycles, except Government-owned off-road motorcycles on tactical missions or training, shall be equipped with rear view mirrors mounted on the handlebar or fairing.

E3.2.7. Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are as follows:

E3.2.7.1. The following PPE is mandatory for all persons as listed in paragraph 2.2. of the Instruction while operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or ATV.

E3.2.7.1.1. Helmets. Certified to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) standards properly fastened under the chin. If stationed outside CONUS and the host nation does not have an equivalent helmet standard, the helmet will meet the U.S. Department of Transportation standard.

E3.2.7.1.2. Goggles and Face Shields. Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to helmet. A windshield or eye glasses alone are not proper eye protection.

E3.2.7.1.3. Sturdy Footwear is mandatory. Leather boots or over the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

E3.2.7.1.4. Clothing. Long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.

E3.2.7.1.5. Garment Visibility. A brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night. Outer upper garment shall be clearly visible and not covered.

E3.2.8. The PPE for Government-owned motorcycle and ATV operators during off-road operations should also include knee and shin guards and padded full-fingered gloves.

E3.2.9. Failure to wear the PPE or comply with licensing or operator training requirements may be considered in making line-of-duty determinations if the injury is from such nonuse of PPE or noncompliance.

E3.3. DRIVER EDUCATION (HSPG NUMBER 4)

E3.3.1. *All military personnel under 26 years of age who possess a driver's license shall be given a minimum of four hours of classroom instruction in traffic safety designed to establish and reinforce a positive attitude toward driving.* Individual responsibility and correct response to routine and emergency driving situations shall be stressed. Such education should be given expediently after initial entry into Military Service. E3.3.2. Driver improvement courses shall be used at no cost to the individual. These courses shall reinforce positive attitudes and motivate persons who have been convicted of serious moving traffic violations, or who have been determined to have been at fault in a traffic accident while operating a Government-owned vehicle on or off a DoD installation. Offenders, military or civilian, shall be required to attend those courses or lose installation-driving privileges. Installations may use court-approved local community driver improvement programs to fulfill that requirement.

E3.3.3. Besides the driver selection and training requirements under DoD 4500.36-R (reference (i)) and before assignment as a driver of DoD police vehicles, ambulances, fire trucks, crash rescue vehicles, and buses, individuals shall complete additional training to ensure competency in the safe operation of such vehicles. All operators of those vehicles shall complete that training every three years. That additional training shall include the following elements:

E3.3.3.1. Applicable laws and regulations.

E3.3.3.2. Safe operating practices under normal and emergency conditions.

E3.3.3.3. Operator inspection and primary preventive maintenance.

E3.3.4. A certifying official shall indicate to the person responsible for issuance of the ULLS or OF-346 that the individual driver has met the requirements stated above and fully understands the operational peculiarities of the vehicle. The completed required training shall be documented on the operator's personnel training record. Personnel shall not be charged annual leave to attend training required by this Instruction.